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Comissar Molotov Intimates United States, Great Britain Trying To Run Conferences

PRESIDENT DI GASPARI OF ITALY PLEADS FOR MORE LENIENT TREATY PROVISIONS

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Aug. 13. — Though Commissar Molotov of Russia in a speech today at a session of the 21 nations, did not mention the name of the United States and dictated he meant them when he said that representatives of "two nations" were trying to form a "monopoly" of the proceedings.

He cited instance after instance, which he said proved that the two nations apparently were determined to fashion the proceedings in accordance with their own wishes.

Following his address, Pres. di Gaspari of Italy pleaded with the representatives at the assembly to be more lenient with Italy in the treaty that would be presented to that country for the signatures of its government.

He said that Italy, in its present financial condition, would be ruined by the harshness of some of the provisions in the treaty.

Ultimatum Fails To Stop Fight In China

(By Associated Press)

NANKING, Aug. 13.—Chinese Nationalists and Communists still were undecided today between peace and war, following the ultimatum issued them yesterday by General Marshall and Ambassador Stewart that the United States would stop sending funds to China if peace is not established.

Communist leaders informed General Marshall that they were willing to submit their case to the United Nations for their decision.

Generalissimo Chaing Kai-Shek had not commented up to late today on the Communists' statement.

Meanwhile, civil war goes on.

Two Visitors Are Permitted To See Confessed Slayer

Only two visitors have been permitted to see David Joseph Watson, confessed slayer of Benjamin Hobbs aboard the SS. Stribling on the night of July 24, since he made a verbal confession to FBI and Navy authorities late Thursday.

The visitors were his mother and a colored Key West minister, Navy authorities said today. They said that Watson, who has twice tried to committ suicide, remains under close guard in the Navy brig.

Meanwhile, local Navy authorities today were still awaiting instructions from the Secretary of the Navy in Washington as to the proper methods of proceeding with the prosecution of Watson.

Miss Pat Goehring To Wed August 17

Mr. and Mrs. Blondon B. Goehring wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia, to William H. Wescombe, SIc, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Wescombe, of Tupinga, Calif. Mr. Wescombe is attached to the U. S. S. Odax (S.S. 484).

Wedding to take place Saturday, Aug. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

All friends are cordially invited. Reception to be held at the home of the bride's parents, 1121 Olivia street, immediately following the ceremony.

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Stockholm Reports Seeing Ghost Rocket

(By Associated Press)

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 13.—Many residents reported today that they had seen a "ghost rocket" last night pass over the city.

They so described it because no remnants of it were reported found anywhere in Sweden.

Most accounts were that the rocket was torpedo-shaped and about 100 feet long.

Conjecture was that this area is being used as a "target ground" for rockets of that type, evidently fired from some area in the Baltic Sea.

Tampa Downs Race Track May Be Reopened

(By Associated Press)

TALLAHASSEE, Aug. 13. — Florida Racing Commissioners announced today that it had received three applications for other race courses in this state.

One application came from Tampa, where owners of the Tampa Downs course asked for a permit to conduct racing the coming winter season.

This track was opened in 1934 but was closed after 10 days of racing.

The other two applications came from Jacksonville and West Palm Beach but were for permission to hold sulky races.

Water's Shy, So It's Trapped During Night

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SANTA FE.—In drought-ridden Northern New Mexico a farmer's phone often rings while he is preparing to go out for the evening with his family and a friend's voice shouts:

"Hey! Your water's coming."

Quickly donning overalls, grabbing a lantern and a shovel, the farmer then dashes for the irrigation ditches to capture the precious water that may spell the difference between crop and failure.

Now the farmers have found an ally in small storage ponds that catch overnight, or unneeded flows in the ditches, as well as water from flash floods.

In the irrigation farmers' economy these little reservoirs perform the same service as the refrigerator does in the average home and at about the same cost of $50 to $200 each. They catch water instead of food bargains and keep it until needed.

Eighty of these ponds with earthen dams have been built in the Pojoaque and the Santa Fe-Sandoval soil conservation districts in the Upper Rio Grande valley. The Soil Conservation Service which calls them overnight storage tanks provided engineering service and heavy equipment; the farmers did the work and furnished materials.

Even in normal years the rainfall is less than 11 inches and it is necessary to irrigate. Water is carefully rationed. When a farmer's time comes to use the water, he has to take it—night or day—or lose it. Night-long vigils with lantern and shovel were necessary.

Now the farmer just turns the water into his overnight tank.

CHERWINK TO SAIL FROM HERE TODAY

The USS Cherwink ASR-3, auxiliary rescue ship that has been stationed in Key West for many months working with Submarine Squadron No. 4, will leave today for New London, Conn., the Navy announced.

Crew of Submarine 'Clamagore' Starts Taking Flying Lessons

What is believed to be the first flying club ever formed by members of the crew of a submarine has been started in Key West by five enlisted men of the submarine "Clamagore."

They are Claude T. Bosdick, Clyde A. Merkey, Jr., Aloise Splichel, John Ryan and Thomas A. Webb.

Recently the men bought an airplane in Homestead. It was flown to Key West by Webb, already an experienced pilot. The other members of the club are taking flight instruction from Katy Louft, teacher at Faraldo's Flying Service.

In addition to the club members, several other crewmen of the "Clamagore" are also taking flying lessons, and it is believed that the underwater boat may soon have more pilots than an aircraft carrier.

Three Have Been Interviewed For Manager Position

Mr. J. W. Parker, of Miami, an applicant for the position of City Manager of Key West, was in the city today to be interviewed by the Commissioners.

Will W. Rogers, of Clearwater, another applicant for the position, was interviewed by the Commissioners yesterday. E. M. Williams, a third applicant, and former city manager of Coral Gables, presented himself to the Commissioners last Thursday.

Mexican Based Air Scouts Cover Hurricane Routes

By JANE EADS
AP Newsfeatures

WASHINGTON.—Through an arrangement with Mexico, the U. S. Weather Bureau's hurricane warning service is being considerably improved.

The hurricane season is at hand, so this is good news to residents along the South Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, where hurricanes are likely to strike if and when they blow inland.

The new service is an important wartime development. Mexico is permitting us to use airfields strategically located in the hurricane area. Our airplanes may be dispatched to observe the position and intensity of storms and to radio back all necessary data.

The Bureau has a special hurricane teletype circuit which connects its offices on the Gulf Coast from Brownsville, Tex., to Key West, Fla., and on the South Atlantic from Key West to Charleston, S. C.

All stations receive simultaneously all messages sent by any other station on the line. The three hurricane forecast centers—Miami, Washington and Boston—are connected to the teletype circuit.

Warnings, advisories and bulletins are issued frequently from one or more of the forecast centers during the hurricane season. The messages contain the position of the storm, its intensity, direction and rate of movement.

I. R. Tannehill, principal meteorologist of the U.S. Weather Bureau, says the word, "hurricane" is used as the name for any tropical cyclone of the Atlantic ocean, Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean Sea, Eastern and Southern Pacific ocean.

The Weather Bureau describes the well-developed hurricane as a vast whirlwind of extraordinary violence. It originates over warm seas not far from the Equator, where the layer of air near the surface is laden with moisture.

A hurricane has two motions; first the rotary motion of winds about the center, which becomes more violent as the storm develops and often is greater than 100 miles an hour; and second the forward motion of the entire storm area.

It is important for the meteorologist to know the hurricane's course. There have been some very irregular movements of hurricanes. A few have described loops, others have followed what is called a "hairpin" path.

Jayshees Plan Benefit Dance

Jayshee's big dance for the benefit of the Municipal Hospital will be held Friday evening, August 16, at the new Driftwood.

Final plans for the dance were made at last night's meeting and a grand time was planned for all those attending the dance who will have a lot of fun and also be aiding a very worthy cause at the same time.

A door prize will be given and also prizes to the winners of the Jitterbug and Rhumba dancing contests.

President Anna Delaney expects a record-breaking crowd at the dance Friday night.

Three new members were admitted into the club, they being Mrs. Joe Pinder, Mrs. Henry Higgs, and Mrs. Isadore Weintraub.

It was also decided at last night's meeting to have a float in the Labor Day parade, sponsored by the Jayshees. Next meeting will be held on Monday, August 26 at a place to be announced at a later date.

Board Confirms 7-Day Suspension

A civil service board meeting at City Hall yesterday confirmed the seven-day suspension imposed on City Mechanic Horace Averette by acting City Manager Robert Dopp.

Dopp suspended Averette from August 8 to 16 for alleged absence from work without reporting it to a superior. Averette appealed the suspension to the civil service board on the grounds that he missed work because of illness and that efforts to locate Dopp to notify him were unsuccessful.

County Concrete Garage Finished

The concrete garage, with eight parking spaces, built on the easterly side of the jail in the county courthouse yard, was used for the first time this morning by county employes.

Preparations are now being made to begin work on the courthouse building and annex. Floors will be asphalted and the building will be painted, inside and outside.

UNCOOPERATIVE PET

CHICAGO. — When his small dog refused to play tricks to amuse the patrons of a saloon, Joseph Smith, 49, stooped over to pat and encourage the dog and, as he did, a pistol dropped from his pocket, struck the floor and sent a bullet into his abdomen, critically wounding him.

STRUCK WITH BADGER

FOND DU LAC, Wis. — Although Farmer Charles Batterman caught the badger in a desperate night battle in his henhouse, forced it into a barrel where it is daily gathering weight. But, nobody in the Badger State wants a badger.

KNIGHT VISITING IN MIAMI TODAY

Jeff Knight, Jr., manager of the Key West U.S. Employment Service, is a business visitor in Miami today. He will return to the city tomorrow.

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Jews Throw Back Smoke Bombs Hurled By British Troops; They Finally Are Overcome And Caged

RESIDENTS TRY TO AID JEWS; TROOPS SHOOT AND KILL 1, WOUND 10

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Aug. 13. — Jews aboard a ship, intercepted at Haifa today, fought desperately against their being carried to the island of Cyprus.

When British troops tried to overpower the Jews, they fought with bottles, cans, plates or anything movable on shipboard that they could pick up.

Troops fired smoke bombs among the Jews, who picked up the bombs and threw them back at the troops. The Jews were ragged and many apparently emaciated.

The situation among hundreds of thousands of European Jews became graver today. Radio Prague announced that all Jews in Poland had decided to leave that country by October 31 because of the persecution to which they have been subjected.

The Polish government issued a statement in which it was said that authorities had tried desperately to stop the Jewish pogroms in Poland, but that the efforts had been futile.

Local Beaches Now Free From Disease Threat

In a page one bulletin carried in The Citizen yesterday it was announced that the waters in and around the south side of Key West island are now free from contamination and that there is no danger in bathing there.

This report was confirmed today by Capt. W. D. Davis, USN, commanding officer of the Naval Hospital, who said that tests of the water showed no signs of contamination.

Examine Specimen

A specimen of water from the south side of the island, examined by the State Board of Health on July 22, showed a high bacteria count, and when this report reached the Navy the waters were forbidden to Navy men in an order posted Saturday.

The warning appearing in The Citizen caused hundreds of people to stay away from the beaches over the week-end.

Water Now Safe

Acting City Manager Robert Dopp said today that sewage disposal methods have been improved and that all refuse is being chlorinated before entering discharges.

"There is now absolutely no contamination danger at Key West beaches," he asserted.

'Night Of Joy' Dance Chairmen Are Selected

Another committee meeting was called last night at the Woman's USO, Duval street, by Gertrude Laubscher, chairman of the "Night of Joy" dance to further discuss and plan for the Labor Day Program.

Committee Report

The following committees reported and the others appointed were as follows: Master of Ceremonies, Abe Wolkoff; chairman, "Night of Joy" program, Adolph Boza; refreshments, Angela Caro; Cuban group, Margaret Mitchell; chairman of judges, Wilhelmina Harvey; publicity, Aloysia Van Goidtsnoven; street management, Effie M. Pauls; lights and decorations, Arturo Boza; bands and music, Hector Barroso; dance contest, Gladys Mulberg; costumes, Maximo Valdez.

List of Prizes

Prizes for the "Night of Joy" are as follows: Rhumba contest, first prize, $25 to couple; second prize $15 to couple. A special prize of $10 will be given to the couple winning the children's group (up to 12 years).

Front street between Duval and Whitehead will be the location for the street costume dance that will begin at 9 p.m. and last until midnight.

The congo line opening the dance will be from Southard down Duval to Front street.

It is requested by those in charge that dancers appear in costume.

Former Key Westers To Come Here On Visit

Mr. and Mrs. William Merero Ortiz and daughter inform The Citizen they will arrive in Key West on August 19 to visit relatives at 624 Elizabeth street.

Mr. Ortiz, formerly a Key Wester, has been away for 17 years.

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Girls Work Extra To Help Transfer Names On Books

City Clerk Roy Hamlin has added three girls to his staff to assist in transferring the names of voters to two new precinct books. Names on the first, second and third precinct books are being consolidated into the first and second precinct books, Mr. Hamlin stated.

The girls are temporary employees, he said, and will no longer be needed after the transfer job is completed in about two weeks.

Strike Settled Just One Minute Before Deadline

(By Associated Press)

CAMDEN, N. J.—Threatened strike of 15,000 workmen of the Campbell Soup Company, at its plants here, was settled this morning one minute before the deadline.

The strike was to go into effect at 5 o'clock this morning, but at 4:59 o'clock it was announced that union leaders and company officials had reached a basis for a settlement.

(The five-month strike at the Granite City, Illinois, steel plant was settled this morning) and in Detroit the workmen at the Packard Motor Company plant, who had been out on strike a week, returned to their jobs).

Hospital Sale To Be Considered By Commissioners

Ernest A. Ramsey, president of the Key West General Hospital, said today that J. R. Brennan, representing the Federal Works Agency, will arrive sometime this afternoon to be present tonight at a meeting of the county commission to discuss a proposal to sell the hospital to the county.

Though the commissioners have not been informed at what sum the FWA will sell the hospital, they have included a sum of $50,000 in their tentative budget for the acquisition of the institution, with $25,000 for maintenauce, plus $15,000 annually that the county is paying under a legislative act.

Cost of the hospital, with equipment and furnishings, is given as $360,000.

Cast Is Placed On Castro's Arm

Attaches at the Municipal Hospital said today that the condition of Alberto Castro, injured in an automobile accident on Route 1 early Monday morning, is not serious and that he spent a "fairly restful night."

Castro sustained a fractured right arm and head injuries in the accident. Doctors today set Castro's arm and put it in a cast, the Hospital reported.

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Sailor Is Held For Taking Car And Wrecking It

Charles E. Leonberger, a Key West sailor, was held in jail today charged with stealing and wrecking last night a Hudson automobile belonging to City Tax Assessor Fred J. Dion.

Leonberger is alleged to have stolen the car from 312 Simonton street at 1:25 o'clock this morning. He confessed taking the car and wrecking it on South street near White.

Officer Mario E. Santana arrested Leonberger and placed a charge of grand larceny against him. He will be turned over to County authorities today.

The automobile, now at the Sweeting Wrecking Service, is said to have been damaged to the extent of about $500.

B. Shannahan, of 1120 South street, told police he heard the car going east at about 65 miles an hour just before it crashed. Leonberger, alone in the car, was uninjured.

Drunk Driver Charge Dismissed In Court

Charges of driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor were dismissed against Joseph R. LeMay in city court yesterday and he was fined $25 for reckless driving.

Charles R. Lee was arrested by Officer Hector Castro yesterday and charged with driving a truck while under the influence of liquor. He was released under $100 bond for trial in city court today.

Red Cross Committee Will Meet Tonight

An important meeting of the Disaster Preparedness Committee of the American Red Cross will be held this evening at 8:30 o'clock in the Key West Chapter House, according to an announcement made today by Maj. Robert F. Spottswood, chairman.

ELECTRIC FENCE KILLS BOY

BILLINGS, Mont. — Clifford Owens Winslow, 5, was electrocuted when he took hold of a wire charged with 110 volts of electricity on a fence used to keep dogs out of the family garden.

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LYNNE ROBERTS in
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